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**NORTON 1961 MANX SPECIAL CAFE RACER 500 CC 1 CYL OHC**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Ca 1961 Norton Manx special Café Racer 499cc OHC Frame # 97931 Engine # ME900907**

Through most of the fifties and much of the sixties, the Manx Norton was the privateer race machine of choice, from Clubman to GP stars.

Who would not wish to ride a Manx Norton, with the legendary performance and superlative roadholding, legally on the open road ?

This Norton is created from a ca 1951 engine in a 1961 featherbed frame and totally created to have fun and to get the feeling, a GP star must have had in the fifties and sixties, while racing towards victory !

Genuine Manx Nortons in racing trim are not very practical for use in everyday traffic, so some modifications were done to tame the beast.

The standard GP carburettor has been changed for a 1 ¼ " AMAL Concentric 932 R300 which gives the engine a very nice slow tick-over when idling.

A Swiss clock couldn't do better ! Frontbrake has four leading shoes and this will really stop !!

A twist of the wrist confirms, we have a real thoroughbred here ! A megaphone exhaust is fitted to keep the barking at a high level.

However a well-disguised Dominator silencer will be supplied with the machine.

One can imagine, an original open megaphone will create that much loved Burr-r-r-Durr-r-r sound, so well known from the early race tracks.

At slow speeds when moving off, the engine is remarkably tractable and user-friendly and feels well in slow city traffic

This Manx Norton can be driven like a lamb or like a lion on the open road .

Revvng her up through the gears instantly gives the well-appreciated kick in the pants !.

We were unable to test the machines top speed potential, but not unfamiliar with old and fast machinery, we are certain that she will go much faster than we will ever dare.....

There is an article of a very similar Manx Norton in the June 2005 "the Classic Motorcycle" magazine.

Some specifications,

Engine: Single Overhead Camshaft 499cc, fully enclosed rockerbox.

Gearbox: AMC five-speed

Primary drive: Belt drive with steel chain case

Carburettor: AMAL Concentric

Frame: Norton featherbed

Frontforks: Ceriani ( for even better roadholding )

Rear suspension: Twin shock/swinging arm



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Brakes: Front: Four leading shoe !

Rear: Single leading shoe

Electrics: Standard Lucas magdyno 6V

Wheels: Akront 19" rims

Tyres: Front: Avon Roadrunner 90/90 19 52H

Rear: Avon Roadrunner 410x19

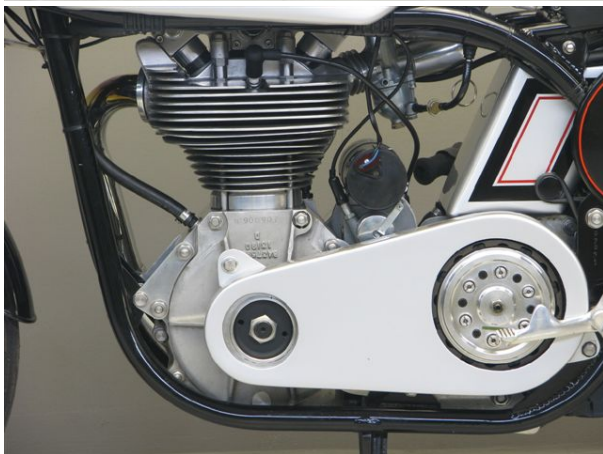
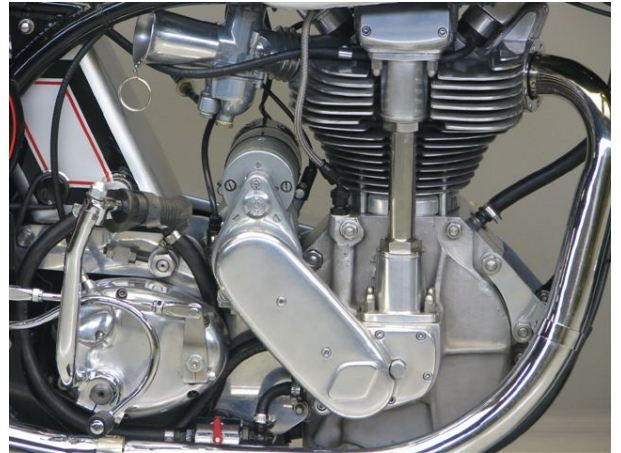
Fuel tank: Aluminium, finished in Norton silver and black/red striping

Instruments: Smith speedo and rev. counter

Registration: Road legal, Dutch registration documents



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